

The stones always had a most offensive odour, and gave one the idea of having been in the stomach for some time. Even after the lapse of several months, and constant exposure, they never lost the smell entirely.

It is some years now since I last shot a crocodile, but, as far as I remember, I generally found these stones only in the stomachs of the *large* ones; I have hitherto always been under the impression that these stones were taken as aids to digestion, but it would be most interesting to know the exact purpose which they serve.

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17th July 1910.

NO. XX.—ANOTHER FATAL INSTANCE OF VIPERINE POISONING.

I have to-day despatched to you a specimen of a snake obtained at Hangu (2,700 feet) in the district a few days ago; I shall be very much obliged if you will identify the snake for me. As far as I can tell, it seems to be an *Echis carinata*; this snake caused the death of a kakar serving under me, who was bitten and treated by potassium-permanganate and ligature—in the accepted way—almost immediately; he died however in 27 hours after the accident with symptoms of viperine toxæmia.

This snake is said to be common in Hangu though I have not met it before. I have had successful cures of *Echis* bite in Kohat (1,700 feet) during the last 3 years.

I shall be much obliged if you will let me know as soon as possible how you identify the specimen sent.

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FORT LOCKHART, N. W. F. P.,

19th July 1910.

[The snake proved to be a specimen of *Echis carinata*.—EDS.]

NO. XXI.—VARIETIES OF THE COMMON GREEN WHIPSNAKE  
(*DRYOPHIS MYCTERIZANS*).

In our last Journal (p. 229) I made some remarks on the varieties of this snake, but overlooked the fact that the variety I alluded to under the name *lepidorostralis* had been already christened by Dr. Annandale under the name *anomalus*. This latter name must of course take precedence and my apologies are due to Dr. Annandale for my oversight.

F. WALL, C.M.Z.S.,

MAJOR, I.M.S.

CHITRAL, 15th August 1910.